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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara (2011)
- Dissertation: “The Cognitive Significance of Kant’s Third *Critique*”
  - Doctoral committee: Anthony Brueckner, Donald Crawford, and Burleigh Wilkins
- C.Phil. Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara (2003)
- Qualifying Paper: “Dependent Beauty and Perfection in Kant’s Aesthetics”
- M.A. Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach (1999)
- Thesis: “Putnam’s Puzzle: An Attempted Exorcism in the Philosophy of Language”
- B.A. Philosophy, UCLA (1997)

## AREAS OF RESEARCH

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### Areas of Specialization

Kant (Metaphysics and Epistemology), History of Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind

### Areas of Competence

History of Western Philosophy, History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion, Critical Thinking, Ethics

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Anthony Brueckner, Department of Philosophy, UC Santa Barbara  
(Email: [brueckne@philosophy.ucsb.edu](mailto:brueckne@philosophy.ucsb.edu))

Donald Crawford, Department of Philosophy, UC Santa Barbara  
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John-Michael Kuczynski, Department of Philosophy., Virginia Commonwealth University  
(Email: [jmkuczynski@vcu.edu](mailto:jmkuczynski@vcu.edu))

Burleigh Wilkins, Department of Philosophy, UC Santa Barbara  
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses (As Instructor)	College/University	Date
Critical Thinking	Merced College	Summer 2005
History of Modern Philosophy	UC Santa Barbara	Spring 2004

  

Courses Assisted	College/University	# of Qtrs
Introduction to Philosophy	UC Santa Barbara	6 (2000-2005)
Introduction to Ethics	UC Santa Barbara	5 (1999-2001)
History of Ancient Philosophy	UC Santa Barbara	3 (2001-2004)
History of Medieval Philosophy	UC Santa Barbara	1 (2002)
History of Modern Philosophy	UC Santa Barbara	3 (2002-2005)

Total Philosophy Courses Taught/Assisted: 20

## TEACHING AWARDS/HONORS

- Paul Wienpahl Award for Excellence in Teaching, Philosophy Department, UCSB, Spring 2005
- Outstanding Educator Award, Office of Residential Life, UCSB, Spring 2004
- University Travel Grant (International Conference, University College Cork, Ireland) 2004
- University Fee Fellowship, 2000-2005
- Whittington Prize for Scholarly Excellence, The Department of Philosophy, California State University, Long Beach, 1998
- First Prize Award at Santa Clara University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, 1992
- Departmental Honors, Philosophy Department, UCLA, 1992
- Latin Honors (Cum Laude) UCLA, 1992

## PUBLICATIONS

- Review of *Kant and Spinoza: Transcendental Idealism and Immanence From Jacobi To Deleuze* by Beth Lord. *Kantian Review* Vol 16, 3 (Cambridge University Press Journals, 2011).
- "Dependent Beauty and Perfection in Kant's Aesthetics," Issue 29, *Philosophical Writings*, University of Durham, Great Britain, 2005.
- "Good Habits, Good Character: An Aristotelian Reply To the Question Whether Ethics Can Be Taught," *Premise*, Vol. XII, University of Kansas 1992.

### Under Peer Review:

- "The Functional Value of the Ideas of Pure Reason." *Kantian Review*, Cambridge University Press Journals (2011).
- "Motivating Kant's Third Critique." *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*. The John Hopkins University Press (2011).
- "Conceptualizing a World: Kant's Alternative to Spinoza's Acosmism and Leibniz's Insulated Pluralism." *The Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2011.

## UCLA PHILOSOPHY COURSES

Kant  
Skepticism and Rationality  
Language and Communication  
Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy (Russell)  
History of Modern Philosophy  
Existentialism (Kierkegaard)  
Independent Study  
History of Western Philosophy (Ancient)  
Philosophy of Mind  
Metaphysics  
Graduate Seminar: Kant's Philosophy of Religion  
Graduate Seminar: Wittgenstein (Early)  
Graduate Seminar: Wittgenstein (Later)

Tyler Burge  
Keith Donnellan  
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Josef Almog  
Robert Merridew Adams  
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Rogers Albritton  
Jay D. Atlas  
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Robert Merridew Adams  
David Pears (Oxford)  
Gavin Lawrence

## UCSB PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE COURSES

Philosophy of Mind: McDowell's *Mind and World*  
Kant A/B (Two Qtrs): *Critique of Pure Reason*  
Independent Study: Kant (*Critique of Pure Reason*)  
Philosophy of Mind: Wittgenstein (*On Certainty*)  
Philosophy of Mind: Topics in Perception  
Descartes  
Social Philosophy (John Rawls)  
Seminar in Epistemology  
Seminar in Ethics  
Seminar in Aesthetics  
Symbolic Logic

Hubert Schwyzer  
Hubert Schwyzer  
Hubert Schwyzer  
Kevin Falvey  
Kevin Falvey  
Hubert Schwyzer  
Chris McMahon  
Chris McMahon  
Matthew Hanser  
Donald Crawford  
Nathan Salmon

## CSULB GRADUATE COURSES

Special Topics: Modern Tradition  
Seminar in Epistemology  
Analytic Philosophy  
Hegel  
Seminar in Metaphysics  
Philosophy of Language  
Graduate Tutorial: Saul Kripke

David Ring  
Al Spangler  
Paul Tang  
Steven Davis  
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## **CONFERENCE/SYMPOSIA:**

Paper presented at American Society of Aesthetics Conference, Asilomar CA, 2005.

Paper presented at “Rediscovering Aesthetics,” an international conference hosted by University College Cork, Ireland, 2004.

Paper submitted and accepted for presentation at the British Society of Aesthetics’ Annual Conference held at St. Edmund’s Hall, Oxford University, 2004.

Paper submitted and accepted for presentation at the Interdisciplinary Conference of Despair and Desire, Atlanta GA, 1998.

Panel member of symposium discussing the relation between Philosophy and the Humanities, hosted by the Philosophy Department, California State University, Long Beach, 1998.